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TWENTY-FOUR YEAR OLD EVANSVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION OF SEXUALLY EXPLICIT MATERIAL INVOLVING MINORS

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ROBERT DREBUS, 24, of Evansville, Indiana, was sentenced to 27 months imprisonment yesterday by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to possession of sexually explicit material involving minors. This case was the result of a investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

DREBUS plead guilty to the offense during a change of plea hearing held on May 19, 2005. DREBUS participated in an internet based group that facilitated the collection and distribution of child pornography. After the internet child pornography group was infiltrated by the FBI, Evansville FBI agents seized DREBUS' computer from his residence located at on

Bellemeade Drive. An exam of the computer resulted in the discovery of approximately 1,400 images depicting minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct. DREBUS admitted to the FBI agents conducting the search of his computer that he downloaded and saved child pornography images on the computer.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 3 years supervised release following DREBUS's release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, DREBUS must register as a sex offender and participate in a counseling program and he must not have contact with minors.

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